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SUBJ: UN MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY FORCE

REF: A. CANBERRA 5851; B. STATE 211411

1. AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (PEACHEY, DEFENSE DIVISION) TELLS US THAT AS OF 2200 ZULU OCT 26, GOA HAD RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO REQUEST FROM UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM FOR CONTRIBUTION TO UNEF. HOWEVER, AUSTRALIAN PERMREP SIR LAWRENCE MCINTYRE CONFIRMED WALDHEIM UNDER INSTRUCTIONS YESTERDAY THAT GOA IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER A REQUEST SYMPATHETICALLY. ACTING PRIMIN BARNARD AND ACTING FONMIN WILLESEE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH WHITLAM BY TELEPHONE, AND HAVE CANVASSED CABINET MEMBERS IN CANBERRA WITH GENERALLY POSITIVE RESULTS. PRESS SPECULATION ON POSSIBLE AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT ALSO TAKES POSITIVE LINE AND WE BELIEVE PUBLIC AND ARMY WOULD APPROVE AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION.

2. MEANWHILE, AUSTRALIAN DOD IS ACTIVELY PLANNING COMPOSITION OF POSSIBLE FORCE. DEFENSE ATTACHE UNDERSTANDS THAT AUSTRALIANS ARE THINKING IN TERMS
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OF PROVIDING UP TO A REINFORCED BATTALION OF ABOUT

1100 MEN WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY BE DRAWN FROM FORCES
NOW STATIONED IN QUEENSLAND. DEFENSE ATTACHE BELIEVES
THAT AUSTRALIANS WOULD REQUIRE US AIRLIFT TO MOVE THEM
TO MIDDLE EAST, THOUGH RAAF HAS SOME CAPABILITY FOR
TROOP MOVEMENT WITHIN AUSTRALIA. THERE ARE SIX
AUSTRALIAN RESERVE OFFICERS SERVING IN THE UNTSO AT
PRESENT.
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